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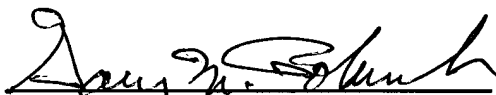
French Publication No. 2,653,399, Japanese Patent Nos. 5-105040, 5-147506, and 5-330406, and Korean Publication No. 2001094301 are not in the English language. Therefore, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), English translations of the abstracts (from esp@cenet Database – Worldwide located at <http://ep.espacenet.com> and Derwent) are attached to these references, which are enclosed, to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance.

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